

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, April 19, 2010, 4:30pm, at City Hall, Council Chambers.

Present at said meeting were Karen Springer, Richard Shockley, Pat Flannelly, John MacDonald, Mary Nauman and Attorney Andy Gutwein. Joe Payne, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, Cheryl Kolb, Lee Booth and Dan Dunten represented the department. Present from the City was Council President Ann Hunt & Clerk-Treasurer Judy Rhodes. Absent from the meeting were Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen, and from the department, Pennie Ainsworth.

Karen convened the Board at 4:35 pm.

The first item of the agenda was the approval of the minutes from March 22, 2010 meeting. Pat motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Richard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Superintendent** – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- Thanked all of the volunteers and staff for their help with the MindBOGgling event held at Celery Bog Nature Area, April 10, as well as the volunteers for DeTrash the Wabash.

**Assistant Superintendent** – Chris reported on the following in Pennie's absence:

- We have ten men's league teams and thirty-two coed league teams registered. The schedule conflict meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20 for the coed league and Wednesday, April 21 for the men's league. Those are the only nights we allow teams to change their schedule. An umpires meeting will be held on Monday, April 26 to assign games and go over league rules. Our umpires are considered independent contractors. League play will start on Monday, May 10.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jay Cooperider Memorial 5K Run and Walk will be held on Saturday, May 1 at Cumberland Park. The "Racing out of Darkness" proceeds will go to Mental Health America of Tippecanoe and the Lafayette Crisis Center. Registration begins at 9:00am and the race starts at 10:00am.
- Wednesday, May 5, is the first day for this year's Sagamore West Farmers Market. The market is held on Wednesdays from 3:00-6:30pm in Cumberland Park through October 27. We currently have thirty-eight different vendors with fifty-one spaces sold.
- On Saturday, June 26, the America In Bloom committee will be using Lincoln Park for its neighborhood garden tour which will be held in the New Chauncey neighborhood area.

**Parks** – Lee reported on the following:

- Trail and Playground Inspections were presented
- Opened all parks for the summer
- Started the mowing schedule
- Cleaning the swimming pool
- Preparing softball fields for league play
- Mulching the footpaths in Celery Bog Nature Area and Cumberland Park

**Recreation Report** – Chris reported on the following:

- The summer brochure was mailed to approximately 3,700 customers.
- Staff has been hired for the summer programs
- FYI – the courts at Cumberland School are being recoated, so we have moved session three of tennis for children to Happy Hollow School courts.

**Morton Center** – Brenda reported on the following:

- WALLA has completed their classes. They had a very successful session.
- There have been several very nice articles about Morton classes in *The Lafayette Leader*. One highlighted the Mor'Danc'n classes.
- Morton's Spring Dance Recital will be held this year Saturday, May 1 at the Loeb Playhouse at 4:00pm. Please see me after the meeting if anyone would like a complementary ticket.
- Morton will have a booth at the Sagamore West Lafayette Farmers Market on May 19. KidzArtz, one of our independent contractors, will have an instructor that will offer some art activities for children that come by the booth. We will be promoting our summer classes. Morton will also participate on August 25 and will promote our fall classes at that time.

**Old Business**

**Blessed Sacrament Agreement**

Chris requested approval to enter into the annual agreement with Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church for use of their softball field in exchange for us mowing the area and maintaining the field. Pat motioned to approve entering into agreement with Blessed Sacrament as presented. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**West Lafayette Public Library**

Chris presented the annual request received from the West Lafayette Public Library, requesting forty single-admission pool passes to be used in conjunction with their summer reading program. Richard motioned to approve the agreement as presented. Pat seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**New Business**

**Purdue Crew Boathouse**

Joe noted the Redevelopment Commission is meeting tomorrow morning. One item on their agenda is for the leasing of the Boathouse community bay to the Park Board. The department would be given rights for activity planning, etc. Discussion followed. Mary requested the item be added as a future agenda item for touring the facility and future programming ideas. Other board members expressed their interest. Joe will put the item on a future agenda. Following the discussion, Richard motioned to approve entering into the lease agreement with the Redevelopment Commission as presented. Pat seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Student Research Requests**

John MacDonald suggested taking a different approach for approving student requests in our parks. He has presented some suggestions to Joe, and those suggestions will be sent out later for board members to review.

**Executive Board Meeting**

Joe discussed the possibility of an Executive Board meeting next month, closed to Park Board members only. Mary asked to look again at having a work session for the Board Members to discuss some of the items the department is facing.

**Citizen Concern**

Karen presented a concern, brought to her attention by a citizen, regarding the witness of golf being played, with actual golf balls, at both Lommel Park and at the soccer area of Cumberland Park. Discussion followed pertaining to the safety issues involved of playing golf in this type of public setting. Andy Gutwein will review policy vs. ordinance for further proceedings pertaining to this issue.

**West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported the following:**

- West Lafayette teachers agreed to a second year of a pay freeze, plus increment not to exceed 2%. This allows West Lafayette Community School Corporation to take full advantage of HB1367 – we will be able to transfer into the general fund. This amount is about 1/3 of the 3.5% cut the state mandated in January.
- Friends of WLCS continue work on the referendum. The money raised from the referendum is needed to replace yearly declining state funds based on the school funding formula. West Lafayette ranks low on the complexity index and we continue to see a yearly drop in state funding of \$150.00/student.
- Business Week has again named West Lafayette High School as the Best Overall Academic Performing High School in Indiana. This is a credit to everyone who is part of the WLSCS family.

**Wabash River**

Joe attended the last WREC board meeting. The Rural Corridor Study is underway; information is provided on the website, [www.wabashriver.net](http://www.wabashriver.net).

**Other****Report from Dan Dunten**

- Reported Joan Mohr Samuels, an outstanding volunteer, has been nominated for the Crystal Bison Volunteer Recognition and the George Award.
- The MindBOGgling Event to celebrate the Celery Bog was held on April 10 with very good attendance. This all-day event included the West Lafayette Arbor Day program with fifty volunteers planting sixty trees and shrubs. Mayor Dennis read and signed the Arbor Day proclamation.
- The West Lafayette Tree Fund met last week and Lynn Layden was selected the new chairperson.
- A grant has been submitted to SIA for six new parking spots using pervious concrete. This demonstration site would include educational signage, detailing Best Management Practices that can be incorporated by homeowners and businesses.

**Docket and Report Questions**

Mary Nauman expressed having questions regarding the dockets. She is interested in some type of reporting that might show more of the financial fluctuations of the different accounts. She asked Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes about the availability of reports that

might be easier to understand. The Clerk offered to meet with Mary and provide her with more information about the budget.

**Pay Claims**

Richard motioned for claims to be paid. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried

Karen noted next month's meeting will be held at Lilly Nature Center.

**Adjourn**

Richard motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mary seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary